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PROLIFERATIVE AGENT

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Applicant submits the references listed on the attached form PTO 1449, copies of which are enclosed. A copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application is also enclosed.

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EP 0 001 812A1, which is in the German language, is included on the enclosed form PTO 1449. An English abstract is provided as the concise explanation of the relevance of the reference under 37 CFR § 1.98 (a) (3).

This statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office action on the merits. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account 03-2095.

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